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Morning Edition Book Club: Fates and Furies



In September, NPR announced the third session of the *Morning Edition Book Club*! Here's how it works: A well-known writer picks a book he or she loved. We all read it. Then, you'll send NPR your questions about the book. About a month later, we'll reconvene to talk about the book with the author and the writer who picked it.

Past *Morning Edition Book Club* selections were *Deep Down Dark* and *A God in Ruins*. This time, Pulitzer Prize-winning author and screenwriter Richard Russo has selected our book: *Fates and Furies* by Lauren Groff.

"It's a dramatic read, believe me," says Russo.

Fates and Furies is the story of a marriage, divided into two sections: the first focusing on the husband's story, the second focusing on the wife. Russo says that device allows for a stunning, 360-degree view of a complex relationship.

"The secrets here are character secrets, not plot secrets," he told NPR's David Greene. "They are revealed in ways that sometimes take your breath away. You have to wait almost until the last page of the book to get to the last of the secrets."

Russo says he was fascinated by the book because of the way it deals with destiny. "It's something that I've been writing about in my own fiction for a very long time," he says. "I write about it, not because I understand it,

but because I don't, and I'd love to."

Groff's previous books include the novels *Arcadia* and *The Monsters of Templeton*. But it was her collection of short stories, *Delicate Edible Birds*, "that kind of blew my mind," says Russo. Those stories revealed the author's fearless, wide-ranging curiosity — which is also evident in *Fates and Furies*. "There's almost nothing that she's not interested in," Russo says, "and her skill set is breathtaking."

We hope you enjoy *Fates and Furies*! You can participate in the conversation via Twitter using the hashtag #morningeditionbookclub or go to npr.org and search for "book club" to join the conversation there. And tune in for a conversation with Lauren Groff during *Morning Edition* on October 27.

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Kelly McEvers, Ari Shapiro, Michel Martin Join *All Things Considered*

NPR is mixing things up with the *All Things Considered* Host line-up.

Former weekday *All Things Considered* Host Melissa Block has stepped down as host and transitioned to an expanded role as a Special Correspondent. Kelly McEvers and Ari Shapiro now share weekday hosting duties with Robert Siegel and Audie Cornish. This enhanced lineup will give the Hosts more opportunity to pursue reporting projects outside the studio and give us the ability to take the show on the road more often.

Former *Tell Me More* Host Michel Martin will take over hosting duties of *Weekend All Things Considered* from Arun Rath. Former *Tell Me More* Executive Producer Carline Watson will also join the program.

Ari Shapiro has reported from above the Arctic Circle and aboard Air Force One. He has covered wars in Iraq, Ukraine, and Israel, and he has filed stories from five continents. In his previous assignment as NPR's International



Ari Shapiro

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Correspondent based in London, Shapiro traveled the world covering a wide range of topics for NPR's national news programs.

Kelly McEvers' most recent role was national correspondent based at NPR



Kelly McEvers

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West. Prior to that role, McEvers ran NPR's Beirut bureau, where she earned a George Foster Peabody award, an Alfred I.

DuPont-Columbia award, a Gracie award, and an Overseas Press Club mention for her 2012 coverage of the Syrian conflict.



Michel Martin

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Michel Martin first came to NPR to launch *Tell Me More*, a daily news and talk show that KIOS carried until its end in 2014. Since

then, Michel has been heard across NPR news programs, reporting on topics including education, families, faith, race, and social issues. She also hosts "Michel Martin: Going There," an ambitious live event series which will continue after she joins *Weekend All Things Considered*.

A 'Prairie Home' transition: Garrison Keillor to hand hosting duties to Chris Thile

A *Prairie Home Companion* will have a new host, and a new sound, next season.

In July, longtime APHC host Garrison Keillor announced he'll retire after the 2015-2016 season, which began in September. Keillor has hosted A *Prairie Home Companion* for its entire 41 year history.

Starting next season, Chris Thile will be APHC's new host. The 34-year-old Thile is a mandolinist and singer with the bands Nickel Creek and Punch Brothers. He was a guest host last season on A *Prairie Home Companion*.

The change in host will also bring changes to the show. Keillor told *Current*, the *Berkshire Eagle*, and other media outlets last summer that APHC will become more "music-intensive."

Thile told the Associated Press in July that

he and Keillor were engaged in lengthy discussions about the future of the show, and he's excited to become the new host.

A *Prairie Home Companion*'s first broadcast was July 6, 1974, from Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota. Minnesota Public Radio's Fitzgerald Theater is now the home of APHC.

A *Prairie Home Companion* is distributed by American Public Media and heard on about 700 public media stations. It airs on KIOS on Saturdays from 5 to 7 PM.



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4 AM	MORNING EDITION					BBC World Service		
6 AM						Only a Game		Inside Europe
7 AM						Weekend Edition		
9 AM								
10 AM	ON POINT					Car Talk	Krista Tippett on Being	
11 AM						Wait, Wait ... Don't Tell Me!	On the Media	
NOON	THE TAKEAWAY					This American Life	Marketplace Weekend	
1 PM	NOON FORUM					Studio 360	Thistle and Shamrock	
2 PM	Blues in the Afternoon	JAZZ IN THE AFTERNOON				The Splendid Table	Folk Sampler	
3 PM						Whad' Ya Know?	River City Folk	
4 PM						Bluegrass Review		
5 PM	ALL THINGS CONSIDERED					All Things Considered		
5:30 pm								
6 PM								
7 PM	FRESH AIR					A Prairie Home Companion	American Routes	
8 PM	AS IT HAPPENS							
9 PM	Beale Street Caravan	Song Travels with Michael Feinstein	Night Lights	Jazz Profiles	Jazz Night in America	Jazz Junction	Sound Opinions	
10 PM	WFMT JAZZ NETWORK				WFMT JAZZ NETWORK		Brazilian Hour	
11 PM							AfroPop Worldwide	
MIDNIGHT							Last Call	Music from the Hearts of Space
1 AM (to 4 AM)	BBC WORLD SERVICE				BBC World Service		BBC World Service	
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